

## THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser

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There was no appearance of the color line at the primaries. Brown Republicans, black Republicans and white Republicans mingled there in friendly rivalry. Had Kaula been on hand he might have regarded the prospects of an anti-haul campaign with a less auspicious eye.

Mrs. Bob Wilcox may not be much of a Princess but she is an all-round politician. If nothing else proves it we may cite the way in which she stopped the Garibaldian orator in the very cyclone-center of his speech and sent Kaula, the howling Dervish of the Independent party, home to mend his manners.

If we are not mistaken there is now a Federal Meat Inspection service which can be drawn upon for the certification of beef on Kaula or elsewhere. Tuberculous meat is being sold in at least one of the Islands and the matter is serious enough to engage the attention of the National as well as of the local health authorities.

There is merit in the Hilo plea that the Government ought not to hire Japanese to labor on public works when the plantations, which paid the passage of these Asiatics here, are short of field hands. If white people and natives are available it should be the pleasure and the duty of the Government to give them preference.

### A COSTLY INNOVATION.

The Hilo Tribune discusses the municipal idea from the usual Hilo standpoint which is that Honolulu wants the present system of centralized government to continue so that she may use up the greater part of the Island revenue in providing public utilities for herself.

The statement is far from just. In the first place, if Honolulu were set apart from the rest of the group in the political subdivision of a city, she would be able, without let or hindrance, to consume nearly one-half the taxes which, under the present government, are paid by all the Islands. Of a total amount of \$1,068,117.27 raised in 1899 exclusive of custom house and postal receipts, Honolulu paid nearly half a million dollars, to wit: \$485,861.32. This sum would answer very well for the pressing public needs of 1900, but where would Hilo get off when last year's total contribution in taxes of the big Island of Hawaii was only \$282,858.18? How far would that amount go, if fairly distributed over the Island, towards meeting the expensive wants which the Rainy City has conjured up? And suppose there were County and City officials to pay out of it—what then?

We must remind the Tribune that a considerable class of voters here, far from thinking that Honolulu profits by the present system, wants to cut Hilo off so that no Legislature can intervene and tax this city for Hilo improvements. The coming Legislature, having the whole thing in its hands, may give Hilo the lion's share of the appropriations. In that case Honolulu might have to stand by and see part of its half million go to the other end of the Island group, as has been the case in the past. This feeling prevails in many quarters and it is accentuated among those who desire to handle City and County patronage. Even people who, like the Advertiser, oppose the municipal idea, might well favor separation on the ground that Honolulu could make more by it, were they not morally sure that the cost of two more sets of governing officials in each subdivided locality would be so great as to finally plunge the Islands into as deep a debt as the organic law will permit it to incur.

A million dollars does not go far when politicians get after it and of all devices to undermine public treasuries the municipal Jimmy is the surest. It is in cities that the steals are made; it is there that the demand for reform is most incessant and the thievery of job-chasers the most open and defiant. We could not sustain Territorial, County and City governmental systems on the revenue we now have. The thing would be impossible. It is even doubtful that we can keep up the Territorial end with such a sum. Hence swollen taxes must follow any change from the present system—and for what?

Hilo explains that it is that she may get the use of her own money. Is there not an easier and a better way to reach such a result? No one in Honolulu would object to an agreement upon a Legislative appropriation for Hilo projects embracing a sum equal to the tax contribution of that place for the current year. It would be vastly cheaper to do that than to erect two superfluous forms of government in the Islands, though we believe that Hilo, after a year's experience with the plan, would prefer to take chances with the general pot.

### LILUOKALANI.

The former Queen celebrated her birthday by receiving friends at Washington Place and by accepting Hawaiian hospitalities afterwards. In wishing her many happy returns of the day the guests and hosts of the former sovereign but voiced a sentiment which prevails, we believe, throughout the Islands. It is several years since the name of Liluokalani has provoked bitterness. The issues which once surrounded her cause with flame and uproar are in ashes and those who felt it their duty to deprive a Queen of her crown are in full sympathy with those who garland an unfortunate woman with their leis. This sentiment neither springs from remorse for the past nor from any desire to invoke favor for the future. It is due to the fact that Liluokalani, in the dignity with which she has borne misfortunes, in the wisdom with which she has advised her followers to work for the good of their country rather than for a lost cause; in the pathos which surrounds her history, has commanded the respect of former foes. Whatever the past has held all Hawaii wishes her well, not least among them being those Americans, countrymen of her dead husband, who hold that the best form of government is a republic.

### RESULT OF PRIMARIES.

Saturday's primary elections have clarified the political atmosphere. For awhile past some of our citizens have been possessed of the idea that they were the "whole thing" in politics; that they could organize a close corporation which would name delegates, candidates and officers, dispensing with the aid of their fellow citizens, who were to be allowed the privilege of voting for delegates chosen by the elect.

This arrogant attitude was largely due to the influence of a few self-constituted leaders who had arrived here so recently that the situation and the men with whom they had to deal were an unknown quantity. They honestly thought that by gaining control of the party machinery, a breath of disapproval from "constituted authority" would sweep the blankety blank mission, and the old line Republicans of the political field and whirl the conservative and peace loving business men into line to back "the party."

This calm assumption of authority and the attempt to ignore all Republicans outside of the sacred circle at first bred amused surprise, then distrust, then hostility, with the result that for the past few weeks there has been far more feeling between different sets of Republicans than there has been between Republicans and Democrats or Independents. On the one side it was believed that the other was an unorganized sentiment which would not fight; while, in turn the belief was engendered that "the machine meant mischief." Issue was joined Saturday and in several of the precincts there was close hard work and a vigorous contest. In spite of this however, the polls closed over a more harmonious party than has existed here since the Bulletin began to throw uncomplimentary bouquets at President Dole. The elect found, to their surprise, that the despised conservatives could put up as good a fight as themselves; while the conservatives learned that the other side were making a clean fight. It was a fair field and no favor, with partial success to each side, ending in the development of a mutual respect, without which there could be no real harmony.

With but few exceptions, the candidates for delegates on both tickets were good men and the resulting delegation is one which can be conscientiously supported by a united party. It is now in the power of the party officials to continue this status. All that is necessary is to recognize the fact that the conservative Republicans of Honolulu will act with their fellow party members for the common good but will take orders from no one. Two things further were demonstrated on Saturday; that in spite of the Wilcox-Kaula color line campaign, and Wise's despicable appeals to race prejudice, the native Hawaiian voter himself is joining the Republican ranks in large numbers; and second that the party is possessed of a large quantity of virile fighting material.

The vigorous and intelligent campaign work done on Saturday by a large number of young men, both white and native, on both sides, was an eye-opener to some of the new-comers. On Saturday they were working against each other. Working together next November they should prove irresistible against the Independents and Democrats, the one a party without a head, and the other a head without a party.

### RESIGNATIONS BEGUN.

George W. Smith has set an example of self-respect which his fellow-directors of the Grieve Publishing Company may conclude to follow. He has resigned from all official connection with the filthy Republican. Mr. Smith was one of the earliest projectors of the paper; he became Secretary of its directorate; he made it in a visible degree the mouthpiece of the Republican organization; and as such he could not escape some responsibility for the nauseous offences which the paper has been lately committing. It is shown by his resignation that he did not accept such responsibility with good grace; and it would not surprise us to hear that every descent into the sewer which the paper has made was preceded by his earnest protest.

Another director said publicly in a cafe a few days ago that his most intimate connection with the yellow Journal was in trying to keep it out of his house. In this endeavor he has acted as other reputable fathers and husbands are doing; for the sight of the Iwilei Guide in one's yard is now almost as much of a stigma as would be the spectacle of a disreputable person sitting as an invited guest upon one's porch.

The public are showing such an undisguised interest in the fate of sala-

rious journalism here that the directors who have not as yet left their chairs must know how it seems to be the cynosure of all eyes. It is their move and the public are waiting to see it made. The pending question is, do these directors abet the daily offences of their paper or are their hands tied? Are they particeps criminis or mere lay-figures, intended to attract subscribers to the filthy Republican as decoy ducks attract wild-fowl towards the pot-hunter? These questions are being asked and some of them are aimed so high that they fall within the sacred circle of the Judiciary.

Labor day—may it be a day of rest and healthful recreation to all honest toilers who can afford to keep it.

### OF CURRENT INTEREST.

#### Games as a Part of Education.

A year ago the school principals of Stockholm, Sweden, were instructed to encourage the gathering of pupils in the public parks after school hours for the purpose of playing outdoor games, and several of the larger boys in each school were officially selected to lead in the games. The innovation proved popular, and many boys who formerly were in the habit of spending their late afternoons smoking cigarettes and learning bad habits on the street corners may now be seen each evening playing baseball, football and other athletic games. The board of education of Stockholm thinks so well of the experiment that it has recently appointed three men teachers to the places of superintendents of outdoor exercise. It will hereafter be their duty to get together all the pupils who are willing at the close of school and lead them to the parks, where, under the auspices of the board, games will be provided daily during the season from 4 to 8 p. m.

#### A Negro Diamond Expert.

John Woodson, of Philadelphia, who enjoys the distinction of being one of the only two colored diamond experts in the United States, is receiving congratulations upon an unexpected piece of good luck. Years ago he was in the service of Col. Charles McArthur, a gallant officer of the regular army, who, for years was a great traveler. In May last McArthur died, and under the terms of his will, which has recently been probated, it appears that he left \$18,000 to John Woodson, "my faithful body servant and companion for many years." After leaving Colonel McArthur's employment Woodson got into the diamond business, and, with the possible exception of a man employed by a New York diamond house, he is now known throughout the trade as the best posted man of his race in the country on the value of precious stones.

#### What Hughes Did for Boys.

The London Spectator, in the course of a tribute to "Tom" Hughes, speaking of his service to schoolboys, says: "He took away from good counsel its flavor of priggishness, from piety its taint of sanctimoniousness, from the virtues their coloring of separateness and self-righteousness. He convinced schoolboys that it was possible to be many and truthful and pure and even religious, and yet remain healthy schoolboys still, with muscles in their frames longing for exercise, and ferment in their hearts and vague aspirations in their brains, all leading to confused and over-rapid conduct."

#### Plenty of Asphalt.

"The supply of asphalt at Trinidad will be exhausted some day," said an expert in that line recently, "but that needn't prevent our continuing to lay asphalt pavements. Out in Utah there are beds of asphalt of many times the magnitude of the Trinidad deposit. These beds are in the country around Fort Duchesne, on Government reservations. The demands of civilization for that asphalt will some day cause Poor Lo to move again. The man who gets there first when the territory is open to settlement will find a fortune waiting for him."

#### To Can Shad.

The Columbia river canneries have been making experiments in the canning of shad, and have been so successful in their efforts that a new fishing industry may be developed in the northwest. The flavor of the shad is universally recognized as delicious, and the only objection to this fish is the many small bones that exist in it. This objection is entirely done away with in the canned product, as the extreme heat to which the can is subjected disintegrates the bones, and they are not noticed.

#### Many Shinplasters Still Out.

An officer of the Treasury Department estimates that more than \$15,000,000 worth of the old-fashioned fractional paper currency is still outstanding, and, though some of it has doubtless been destroyed, the bulk of it is held by collectors and private individuals. Every now and then some old person dies, and the heirs, finding a quantity of the "shinplasters" in a disused pocketbook or some other hiding place, send them to Washington to be redeemed.

#### Model House for Instruction.

Atlanta University has provided a model house for instruction in the science of housekeeping. It has bedrooms for eighteen students, with kitchen, dining, reception and sewing rooms. The students will carry on the work of the house under good teachers, and needlework, laundry work and nursing will be included in the curriculum. Seven thousand dollars has been received toward the cost of the house and \$3,000 more is needed.

#### Bunyan in Chinese.

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was recently translated into Chinese, with various illustrations by native artists. Before the Boxer outbreaks began the volume was in great demand in Peking.

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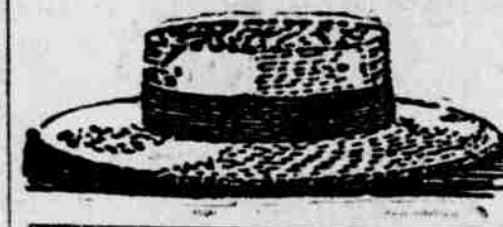
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